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SUBJECT: REPORT OF FURTHER FIGHTING IN LANA O AREA OF MINDANAO

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1. ACCORDING MARCH 10 "DAILY EXPRESS," GENERAL LAO (GOVERNOR OF LANA O DEL SUR PROVINCE) WAS FORCED TO LEAVE "PEACE TALKS" IN PROGRESS WITH MUSLIM REBELS IN JOLO AND RETURN TO LANA O "DUE TO REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND REBELS IN LAKESHORE TOWNS OF GANASSI, MASIU AND RAMAIN."

2. STORY CONTINUES, "THERE WERE REPORTEDLY SEVERAL KILLED AMONG THE REBELS WHILE THE GOVERNMENT SIDE SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES. ACCORDING TO AN URGENT RADIO MESSAGE FROM THE BROTHER OF GENERAL LAO, SOME 10,000 EVACUEES HAVE ALREADY FLED TO MARAWI CITY, THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, DURING THE LAST THREE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAYS OF FIGHTING."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON
LATEST FIGHTING IN LANA O AREA. REBELS MAY BE
REACTING TO INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AREA
RESULTING FROM LAST MONTH'S INCIDENTS AT MAPANTAO
IRRIGATION PROJECT AND PENDULANAN POWER SUB-STATION
IN WHICH FOURTEEN (MOST MILITARY) KILLED BY REBELS.
(REFTEL).
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